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NAACP REDISTRICTING CASES

Alabama

Milligan, et al. v. Merrill et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Ala., no. 2:21-cv-01530-AMM, filed Nov. 16, 2021 challenging the redistricting of Congressional Districts 1, 2, 3 and 7 as intentional racial gerrymanders in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment and as a violation of Section 2 of the VRA. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and NAACP Office of the General Counsel — filed on behalf of the Alabama State Conference, individual plaintiffs and the Greater Birmingham Ministries.

Thomas, et al. v. Merrill, et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Ala., no. 2:21-cv-01531-AMM, filed Nov. 16, 2021 challenging the redistricting of Alabama Senate Districts 7, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 33 and of State House Districts 52, 54, 55, 56 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 70, 71, 72, 75, 76, 78, 98, 99, 101 and 103 as racial gerrymanders in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and NAACP Office of the General Counsel — filed on behalf of the Alabama State Conference, individual plaintiffs and the Greater Birmingham Ministries.

Arkansas

Arkansas State Conference NAACP et al. v. Arkansas Board of Apportionment, et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. E.D. Ark., no. 4:21-cv-1239-LPR, filed Dec. 29, 2021 challenging the adopted reapportionment plan for the Arkansas House of Representatives as diluting Black voting strength in violation of Section 2 of the VRA. ACLU of Arkansas — the other plaintiff is the Arkansas Public Policy Panel.

Baltimore

Baltimore County Branch of the NAACP, et al. v. Baltimore County, Maryland, et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. N.D. Md., Case no. 1:21-cv-03232-LKG filed December 21, 2021 challenging the redistricting plan adopted by the Baltimore County Council as a violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights. ACLU of Maryland — other plaintiffs are League of Women Voters of Baltimore County, Common Cause Maryland and numerous individual plaintiffs.

Georgia

Georgia State Conference of the NAACP, et al. v. State of Georgia, et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. N.D. GA., no. 1:21-mi-99999-UNA, combined as no. 1:21-cv-5338-SCJ-SDG-ELB, filed on December 30, 2021 challenging numerous Congressional and state legislative districts under enacted plans SB 1 EX/AP (senate), HB 1EX LC 47 1163S/AP (State House of Representatives) and SB 2 EX/AP) (Congressional) as racial gerrymanders in violation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments as well as dilutive of Black voting strength under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and enacted with a discriminatory purpose under the Fourteenth Amendment and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law – other plaintiffs are Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda and GALEO Latino Community Development Fund, Inc.

Illinois

East St. Louis Branch NAACP, et al. v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et al U.S. Dist. Ct. N.D. Ill., no. 1:210-cv-05512, filed Oct. 15, 2021 challenging redistricting of House Districts 112, 113, and 114 as racial gerrymander and violation of Section 2 of VRA. Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law — other plaintiffs are Illinois State Conference NAACP, United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations.

Contreras, et al. v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. N.D. Ill., no. 1:21-cv-03139, filed Nov. 18, 2021, the Southside Chicago and Westside Chicago Branches of the Illinois NAACP submitted an amicus curiae brief in the existing Contreras case alleging that the redistricting plan enacted by the Illinois General Assembly diminishes Black representational strength in and around Chicago in violation of Section 2 of the VRA and offering remedial maps that indicate how districts could have been drawn in the Chicago area to preserve Black voting strength. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

North Carolina

Wrenn v. Caswell County Board of Elections, et al., N.C. Super. Ct., no. 00-CVS-21-CVS-363, filed on Nov. 24, 2021, the North Carolina NAACP intervened as defendants to protect a 1988 federal consent decree preserving two Black voting opportunity districts in Caswell County. Plaintiffs in this case sought to undermine the County's redistricting plan which preserved these two districts in line with the consent decree. South Coalition for Social Justice.

North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, et al. v. Berger, et al., N.C. Super. Ct., no. 21 CVS 014476, filed Oct. 29, 2021 alleging the process by which the North Carolina General Assembly drew the state's legislative and Congressional districts violated the North Carolina Constitution by engaging in intentional racial discrimination, failing to properly consider the creation of VRA districts and infringing on the right to association and assembly by unnecessarily delaying the redistricting process. Southern Center for Social Justice — other plaintiffs are Common Cause and individuals plaintiffs.

Harper, *et al. v. Destin Hall*, *et al.*, N.C. S. Ct., no. 413P21, filed Dec. 06, 2021 as an appeal and motion for discretion review by the North Carolina Supreme Court from *North Carolina NAACP v. Berger*. Review was denied and the State Conference declined to pursue the case further as it was joined to other suits alleging partisan gerrymandering. *Southern Coalition for Social Justice*.

Ohio

League of Women Voters of Ohio, et al. v. Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al., Ohio S. Ct., no. 2021-1193, filed on Oct. 29, 2021, the Ohio State Conference submitted an amicus curiae brief alleging that the state legislative maps were drawn through a flawed process and manipulated Black populations in SD 16 and SD 19 and in house districts in Cuyahoga County in order to limit Black voting strength and shore up Republican seats. Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and NAACP Office of the General Counsel.

On January 12, 2022 the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the state legislative maps were drawn in violation of the Ohio Constitution and ordered the maps to be redrawn.

South Carolina

South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, et al. v. McMaster et. al., U.S. Dist. Ct. S.C., no.3-21-cv-03302-JMC-TJH-RMG, filed Oct. 12, 2021 and amended Dec. 23, 2021 challenging South Carolina's redistricting process by alleging that the delay in enacting maps was unwarranted and produced unconstitutionally malapportioned maps in violation of the Art 1, Sec. 2 of the Constitution and First and Fourteenth Amendments. The complaint was amended after the South Carolina legislature enacted state legislative maps to add challenges to the enacted maps as racial gerrymanders in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and ACLU – other plaintiffs are individuals plaintiffs.

Texas

Texas State Conference of the NAACP v. Abbott, et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D. TX, no. 1:21-cv-01006, filed November 05, 2021 challenging a wide range of state legislative and Congressional districts under enacted plans H2316, S2168 and C2193 as racial gerrymanders in violation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments as well as alleging vote dilution under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and discriminatory purpose under the Fourteenth Amendment and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and NAACP Office of the General Counsel.